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The Count Kinkel makes Kouhei and Hazuki an offer they can't refuse. He kidnaps Kouhei's grandfather, which forces them to the mansion where Hazuki used to live with her mother. But when they arrive, Hazuki starts to recall some memories from the mansion—and learns more about her mysterious ability...



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OLDER TEEN
AGE 16+

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MOON
月詠

Princess

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STORY SO FAR:

Kouhei Mido has never had a close encounter with the supernatural kind, so why are ghosts showing up in every photo he takes? Things get even trickier when he meets up with the cute adorable (but watch out, she bites!) vampire, Hazuki at the spooky old German castle. Before he knows what's happening, Hazuki suddenly volunteers to move in with him back in Japan, as the team struggles to find her long lost mother. Easier said than done. It doesn't help that Count Kinkle and his trusted accomplice, Elfriede kidnap Hazuki under the guise of her mother! Kouhei and his grandfather are on the scene in a flash and rescue the poor damsel in distress...until this damsel turns around and stabs Kouhei while under a powerful hypnosis! A single taste of Kouhei's blood frees Hazuki from the spell, and the team makes their escape! But with Count Kinkle still on the loose, our heroes won't have much time to rest...

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...THAT
IT'S OK TO
DISCHARGE
HIM FROM THE
HOSPITAL,
DOCTOR?

ARE YOU
REALLY
REALLY
SURE...



BUT, I CAN'T
FIND ANYTHING
WRONG NO
MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES I
EXAMINE HIM.

YES.
ALTHOUGH,
I ADMIT IT
IS A VERY
UNUSUAL
CASE.



...
BETTER
THAN
BEFORE.

I
EVEN
FEEL
...



I'M
ALL
RIGHT.

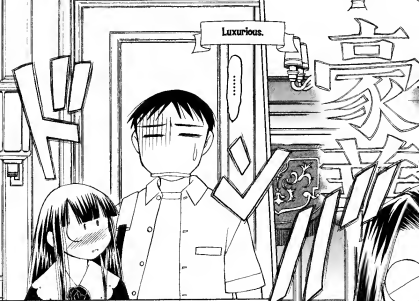
SO I
HAVE
NO
REASON
TO
KEEP
HIM IN
THE
HOSPITAL.

MISS,
YOU
MUST
UNDER-
STAND
MY
POS-
ITION.

BUT
HE HAS
ONLY
BEEN
IN THE
HOSPITAL
TWO
DAYS!

BUT
...





Luxurious.

高級



ISN'T IT AMAZING?

THIS IS THE VIP ROOM. I JUST DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE WASTED.

GRANDPA, WHAT'S WITH THIS ROOM?!

HEY!



I DON'T SEE ANY HARM.

IS IT OK TO USE YOUR POWER LIKE THAT?

I NEGOTIATED WITH THE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR WITH THE HELP OF MY SECRET MEDICINE AND HYPNOTISM.

ヒョホホ









...SO
BEAUTIFUL,
ELFRIEDE.

AND
YOU LOOK
...



...
HOW
MANY
YEARS
HAVE
PASSED
...
...
SINCE I
LAST
SAW
YOUR
EYES?

I LOVE
THOSE
EYES!

HEH
HEH
HEH.



YOU WERE
THE ONE WHO
ENTERTAINED
ME MOST
AMONG MY
SERVANTS.

BACK
THEN,
YOU
WERE
STILL
JUST A
SERV-
ANT.



I
USED TO
GET AN
EXHILAR-
ATION I
NEVER
HAD
BEFORE
...

...WHEN
I SAW
THAT
MOMENT
YOUR
FACE
REVEAL-
ED YOUR
HEART WAS
BROKEN.

YOU
WOULD
JUST
LOOK
AT ME
WITH
THOSE
BEAUTIFUL
EYES AND
EVERY TIME
I'D LOSE
CONTROL
OF YOUR
MIND.



NOW,
FOR
ALL THIS
TIME, I'VE
MISSED
THAT FEEL-
ING OF
PLEASURE.

HOW
MANY
YEARS
DID IT
GO ON?



IT'S
TOO
BAD
...

...I
DON'T
GIVE IN
TO YOU
SO EASILY
ANYMORE.

Ha...



HIS
BLOOD
WORKS
BETTER
THAN I
EXPECTED.

I AM
IMPRESS-
ED THAT
YOU'RE
STILL
TALKING
BACK TO
ME.



Ha
ha
ha
ha
ha!

IT'S ALL
BECAUSE
OF THAT
HUMAN
KID'S
BLOOD!



...FOR
GIVING ME
ANOTHER
OPPORTUNITY
TO WATCH
YOU SUFFER.

I MUST
THANK
HIM...



LADY
LUNA
...

...
MUST
BE
MISS-
ING
HOME.



IT'S
TIME TO
INVITE
THEM
OVER
HERE.

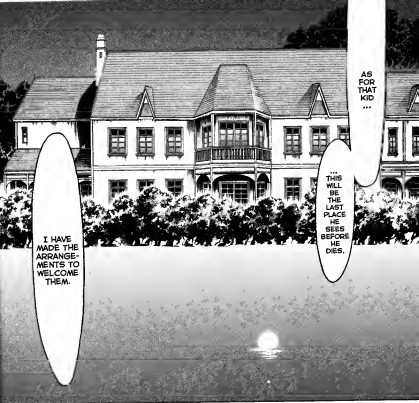


A h h h h h!

A h h h h!

THAT
KID
...

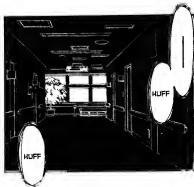
...
AND
LADY
LUNA.



AS
FOR
THAT
KID

THIS
WILL
BE
THE
LAST
PLACE
HE
SEES
BEFORE
HE
DIES.

I HAVE
MADE THE
ARRANGE-
MENTS TO
WELCOME
THEM.



HUFF

HUFF











G R I N

NOW
YOU CAN
DELIVER
THE MESSAGE...

...AS
YOU WERE
DIRECTED
BY THE
MASTER.

THANK
YOU
FOR
YOUR
HELP.

CHIEF.



I WILL
BRING
THIS
BAG OF
BONES
TO THE
MASTER.



OKAY.





WE
HAVE
NO IDEA
WHERE
THEY
ARE
RIGHT
NOW.



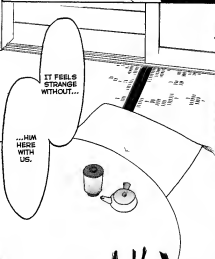
Invitation That Keeps Laughing

COUNT
KINKLE

AND ELF-
RIEDE.

WE'RE
READY,
HAY!

NEON





...THOUGHT
IT WAS CUTE
THAT
A PERSON
CAN GROW
TO LOVE
...

...HER
SUR-
ROUND-
INGS
IN ONLY
A FEW
MONTHS.



WHY
DID YOU
PINCH
ME?!

I
JUST
...



KOU-
HEI-
KUN.

ERK!

HAZ-
UKI-
SAN.

I KNOW
YOU WERE
HUGGING THE
ENTRANCEWAY
OF THE HOUSE
EARLIER.



UPH!

YOWCH

KOU-
HEI-
KUN

HAZ-
UKI-
SAN.

HAZ-
UKI-
SAN.

HAZ-
UKI-
SAN

THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN YOU
HAVE TO
PINCH ME!

I WAS
JUST
TRYING
TO GET
DIRT
OFF!



THERE'S

...A
GUEST
HERE.

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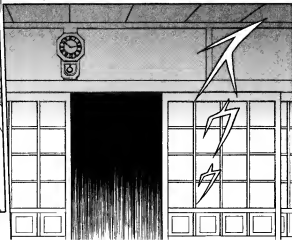


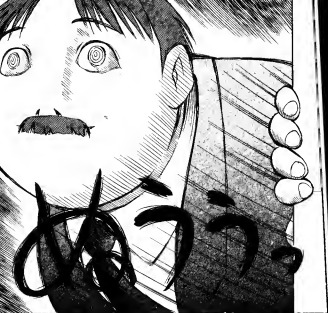
IT
HURTS!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
YOU,
SEIJI?!



OH
NO.





GRAB



I FOUND YOU ...

GRIN

YOU ARE THE EDITOR IN CHIEF FOR THE MAGAZINE "DEEP"!





ONE
OF YOU
IS...

...ALL
READY A
GUEST
THERE.

IT
WILL BE
THE DAY
AFTER
TOMOR-
ROW...

...
WHEN
YOU
SEE THE
MOON
IN THE
SKY.

?!
!

THAT'S MY
GRANDPA'S
KIMONO
?!

THE
PLACE IS
A SMALL
OLD TOWN
IN THE
NORTH-
EAST.





OUR GUESTS WILL BE...

...WEL-COMED.

GRANDPA ...

COME ...

... WITH LADY LUNA.

COME ...

COME!

COME!

COME!

COME!

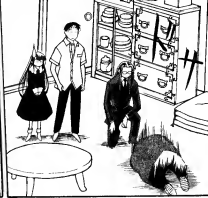
COME!

COME!

EVEN IF YOU COME ALONE ...

... ALONE... ALONE ...







WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU CAN'T STOP LAUGHING?

IMAGINE UN-CONTROL-LABLE CONSTANT LAUGHING.

EVEN IF THINGS WERE FUNNY, YOU WOULD START FEELING PAIN FROM LAUGHING TOO MUCH.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH LAUGHING?

IN THIS CASE, IT'S A PROBLEM.



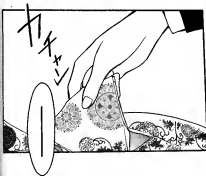
WHY DIDN'T HE JUST ORDER HIM TO DIE?

?

AS SOON AS HE CARRIED OUT THE ORDER TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE, HIS ORDER BECAME TO CONSTANTLY LAUGH.

IT IS LIKE A TIME BOMB.

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?



OBVIOUSLY

...
HE ENTERTAINS
HIMSELF
WITH A
SICK
SENSE
OF
HUMOR.





GRAND-
FATHER

HE'S
DEFINITELY
BEEN
KID-
NAPPED



DARN
IT!



IF YOU
AND I
WENT
OVER
TO
RESCUE
HIM...

YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER
TOLD
ME WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU
LAST
TIME.

...WE WOULD
NOT BE
SUCCESS-
FUL AND
WE WOULD
DEFINITELY
DIE.



IT'S
NO
USE.

I WILL
COME
GET YOU
AS SOON
AS I
CAN!!

GRAND-
PA!



ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

HAZUKI-SAN?



I'M JUST SAYING THAT...

...HUMANS CAN'T WIN OVER VAMPIRES.

SO WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?!
DO YOU WANT ME TO JUST LET MY GRANDFATHER DIE?!



THAT SHOWED US THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO COMPLETELY HEAL KOUHEI.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN HAZUKI-SAN...

... BUT KOUHEI AND A GRAVE SITUATION WAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY?



I...

I ALSO WANT ...



I...

YOU?

THANK
YOU.

I ALSO
WANT TO...

...
RESCUE
YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER!

REMEM-
BER,
THIS IS
FOR
GRAND-
PA'S
SAKE.

SEIJI!
I HATE
THIS!

THIS IS FOR YOUR
GRANDFATHER!

← Tea pack.

カーク、
え、

Wah...

EH?!

BUT FIRST,
I WOULD
LIKE TO
DO A
TEST.

PLEASE,
SUCK
KOUHEI'S
BLOOD.

...WHAT?!

You
can suck
as much
as you
want!

ワァァァHHH!!!
カーク、



ARE YOU
READY?

YES.

HOW
ARE YOU
FEELING
RIGHT
NOW?



CAN
YOU...

...
FIGHT
WITH
COUNT
KINKLE?

PLEASE
ANSWER
...

...
WITH
WHAT
FIRST
COMES
TO
MIND,
OK?





LET'S
VENTURE
INTO...

...OUR
ENEMY'S
TERRITORY.

GOOD.
THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT I
NEEDED
TO KNOW.



YES.

I KNOW
EXACTLY
...

...WHAT
I WILL
HAVE
TO DO!



THIS
IS
TOO
SMALL
FOR
THREE
PEOP-
LE!



WHAT DO YOU
WANT? THIS
CAR IS MADE
FOR TWO
PEOPLE.

CAN
YOU DO
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THIS
CROWD-
ING?



IT
IS...

...DIS-
GUST-
ING.

.....

YOU
CAN'T
UNDER-
STAND
IT?

...KIND
OF...

...SICK
PERSON...

EH?!

BUT
YOU
CAN
...

...ALSO
DO THIS
SAME
THING TO
PEOPLE.

...
WOULD
ENJOY
MAKING
PEOPLE
LIKE
THIS?

.....



IF YOU
HAPPEN
TO BITE
AND SUCK
BLOOD
FROM
OTHER
HUMANS

...

...YOU
COULD
ORDER
THEM TO
LAUGH
FOR-
EVER.

Huh?
Me?

I
KNOW
THAT
KOUHEI
IS A
RARE
KIND.

HE CAN
STILL
CONTROL
HIS OWN
MIND
EVEN
IF YOU
BITE AND
SUCK HIS
BLOOD!

IT IS
POSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO
DO THE SAME
TO A VICTIM.



A black and white illustration of a city street at night. On the left is a building with a grid-like facade. A car is driving away on the road. In the distance, a large, bright, glowing ring of stars or planets is visible in the dark sky.

*THIS IS
NOTHING.*



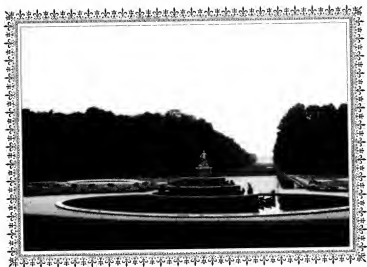
A close-up of a young girl with long, dark hair and bangs. She has a determined, slightly sad expression. She is wearing a white collared shirt with a dark tie. There are some dark spots or sweat on her chest. To her right, a hand is visible, gripping her shoulder.

*I
AM ALL
RIGHT.*

.....

GRIP





Peculiar Support

THEY
SEEM TO
BE HIGH-
SPIRITED
OR...

...
SHALL
I SAY...
THEY
EXPECT
AN EASY
VICTORY?

THEY
ARE
FINALLY
HERE.





PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME FOR

...
REFUS-
ING YOUR
CHANCE
FOR
VICTORY.

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L
A
M

Phase2

Peculiar Supper

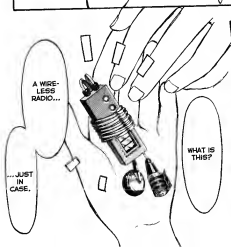


I AM
TIRED OF
WATCH-
ING THIS
CIRCUS.



... THIS PLACE LOOKS SO DIFFERENT FROM DAY TO NIGHT.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN HERE ALONE BEFORE...



A WIRELESS RADIO...

... JUST IN CASE.

WHAT IS THIS?



KOUCHEI-KUN.

PLEASE TAKE THIS WITH YOU.

?!



WHY
IS SHE
CARRY-
ING THE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
BAG?!

NEVER
MIND.

Seiji-san
helped
me
fill it.

Isn't
it
cute?

I
FOUND
THIS
BAG
IN THE
CLOSET.



I PUT
WHITE
WOOD
STICKS,
A CROSS
...

...HOLY
WATER,
GARLIC...
AND MORE.

THIS BAG
COULD BECOME
AN IMPORTANT
PART OF OUR
MISSION.

KOUMEI-
KUN?

THIS IS NOT
A NORMAL
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
BAG.





BUT,
I CAN
ONLY
GET
ONE
SIGNAL
RIGHT
NOW.

YES.

I HAVE
PUT A
KEKKAI
AROUND
ME AND
I'M IN
TOUCH
WITH
SOME-
THING
GOING
ON RIGHT
NOW.



It is
brutal.
Once
Kinko
let him
in many
times!



HEY,
HAZUKI.



THIS
SIGNAL IS
NOT FROM
COUNT
KINKO OR
KOUMEI'S
GRAND-
FATHER.

IT
IS SO
WEAK.

YOU
SUCKED
MY BLOOD
AT SUN-
SET.

ARE YOU
FEELING
SOME-
THING
NOW?

AND...I
HAVE
BEEN
FEELING
SOME-
THING
HAS
BEEN
WITH
US.



UNFORTUNA-
TELY, THE
POWER
THIS GIRL
POSSESSES

... AFTER
SUCKING
YOUR BLOOD
IS BEYOND
MY CONTROL.

.....

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
KNOW EVERY-
THING THAT'S
GOING ON
AROUND US
RIGHT NOW?

E...

EXCUSE
ME?!

KOUHEI-
KUN...

YOU
ARE SO
STRONG.

.....



SOME-
ONE IS
COMING!

HOW
CAN HE
BEHAVE SO
CALMLY IN
FRONT OF
HER?

EVEN
THOUGH I
HAD HEARD A
LOT ABOUT IT
FROM YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER ...

...I
HAD NO
IDEA HOW
STRONG IT
WOULD
BE.

WHAT'S
WRONG?

?!
7
7
7



THANK
YOU FOR
COMING.

MY MASTER
HAS TOLD
US TO GIVE
YOU A WARM
WELCOME.

HIROMI-
SAN!

?!
—





PLEASE
MAKE
YOUR-
SELF AT
HOME
IN THIS
ROOM.



MUN
CH

YO
INK



YES.

DID YOU
PREPARE
EVERY-
THING BY
YOURSELF?

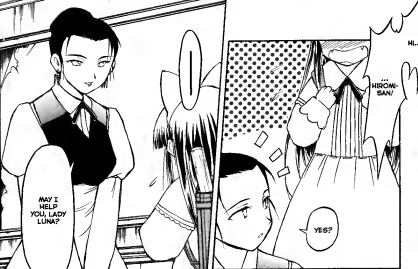


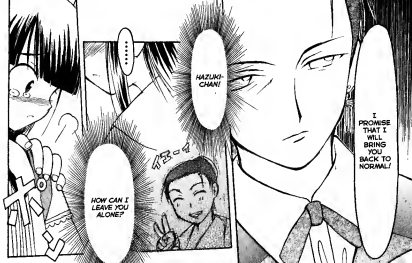
THIS
TASTES
AWFUL.

IT SEEMS
LIKE YOUR
COOKING IS
STILL BAD.

The food
may look
gorgeous
but...

HA...
HA
HA!





HAZUKI-
CHAN!

I
PROMISE
THAT I
WILL
BRING
YOU
BACK TO
NORMAL!

HOW CAN I
LEAVE YOU
ALONE?

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YOU ARE
CAPABLE OF
BEATING UP
COUNT
KINKLE,
AREN'T
YOU?

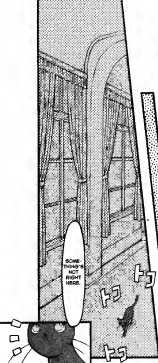
KOUHEI?

I WILL BRING
YOU BACK TO
THE SAFE
PLACE WHERE
YOU WERE!



I
DON'T
CARE HOW
MUCH
BLOOD
YOU HAVE
TO SUCK
FROM
ME...

...PLEASE
PROMISE
ME THAT YOU
WILL KICK
HIS ASS
FOR ME!!



SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT
HERE.

トッ
トッ
トッ



DID YOU
HEAR
ME?!

YES, I
PROMISE!!



WHAT
DOES
THIS
SILENCE
MEAN?



YOU TWO
DON'T
GET ANY
SIGNALS
FROM
ANYTHING
YET?

NONE

MEOW

IT SEEMS
COMPLETELY
EMPTY
IN THIS
MANSION
EXCEPT
FOR
HIROMI-SAN.



THERE IS
NO USE IN
SPECULATING.

LET'S GO
BACK TO
THE ROOM
WHERE WE
WERE.

WELL...

THANK YOU, HIROMI.

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO SERVE YOU.

...LET'S DISCUSS OUR PLAN OF ACTION.

HERE YOU ARE.

I DON'T THINK COUNT KINKLE WILL EVER GIVE UP.

WE NEED TO STICK TOGETHER.

OUR ENEMY IS WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO ATTACK WHEN WE LET OUR GUARD DOWN.

I THINK WE SHOULD ACCEPT THIS SITUATION AS A LONG DRAWN-OUT BATTLE.



I AM
GOING TO
MEDITATE
NOW, SO
I CAN
CLEARLY
DETECT ANY
PRESENCE.



Oh
right.

ON THE
OTHER
HAND, THIS
COULD BE
A POSITIVE
SIGN THAT
WE HAVE
A CHANCE
TO WIN...

...SINCE
OUR
ENEMY
IS NOT
IMMEDI-
ATELY
ATTACK-
ING US.



YEAH.

IT'S
SO
QUIET,
ISN'T
IT?



MY
OLD LOST
MEMORIES
ARE START-
ING TO COME
BACK.

IT'S
STRANGE

MEMORIES
OF MY
MOTHER...

I CAN
REMEMBER
I WAS
SO LONELY
BECAUSE
I USED TO
PLAY ON TOP
OF THE
FIREPLACE.

AND I
USED
TO LOVE
SLEEPING
ON THE
SOFA.

AND...



ドカッ

THAT'S
RIGHT!

I...
I AM SO
USELESS.

THIS
IS VERY
STRANGE!

BUT LAST
TIME WE
LOOKED
IT WASN'T
THERE!

?
WHAT'S
UP?

I
HEARD
IT.
LET'S
GO!

SEIJI!

HEY!

I'M
GOING
TO
LOOK
AGAIN!

WAIT!

THEY
HAVE A
BASEMENT
IN THIS
MANSION!





WHA
...?!

WHAT
THE
HELL
IS THIS
?!









THIS IS SO
DIFFERENT FROM
THE Kekkai OF
PROTECTION OR
SEEKING. IT
IS SO HARD TO
SEE THE Kekkai
OF CONCEALING
SOMETHING.

IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
IDENTIFY THIS
KIND OF Kekkai
UNLESS WE
KNOW THE
AREA WELL.

WHAT
A...

...
PECULIAR
MYSTERY.





YOU ARE
RIGHT,
BUT...

HAZUKI USED
TO LIVE HERE
AND YOU BROKE
THE KKKAL.
YOU GUYS ARE
PERFECT FOR
LOOKING FOR
WHAT WE NEED
TO FIND.

I'LL BE
HERE TO
PROTECT
YOU IN CASE
OUR ENEMY
TRIES TO
TRAP YOU
INSIDE.



I FEEL
SO WEIRD
BEING
HERE.



I WONDER
WHO'S
PLAYING
ON THEIR
MYSTEROUS
LIGHTS?



I DON'T
WANT TO
BE ALONE,
EITHER.
BUT, I
HAVE NO
CHOICE.

HOW
COME
YOU'RE
NOT
COMING
WITH US,
SEIJI?!



WHAT'S
WRONG?

DID YOU
FIND
SOME-
THINGS?



I KNOW
THIS
PLACE
...!



?!

THIS ROOM...

...USED
TO BE THE
BEDROOM
FOR ME AND
MY MOTHER.

THERE
USED TO BE
A SECRET
PATH BEHIND
THIS DOOR.

BUT IT'S
BLOCKED
NOW.

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HEY!
ARE YOU
OKAY?



THUMP

?!

THERE
YOU ARE!
I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE HIDING
IN HERE!

THUMP



I
CAN'T
FIND ANY
THING
HERE

LET'S
GO,
KOUHEI

OK

MARI
...

...O?

THA-
DUMP

I WAS
LOOKING
FOR
YOU!

LADY
LUNA?



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I KNOW
THERE ARE
MANY THINGS
I CAN'T
REMEMBER
THAT I
SHOULD
HAVE
NEVER FOR-
GOTTEN!

L...

I COULDN'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING
ABOUT THIS
BEDROOM
UNTIL I
CAME
HERE.

THIS
PLACE HAS
SO MANY
PRECIOUS
MEMORIES
OF MY
MOTHER.

YOU ARE
JUST
EXHAUST-
ED.

W...

WHAT
THE
HECK
?!

WAH!

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IT'S
NORMAL
FOR YOU
TO BE
SCARED.

IDIOT!

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YOU HAD
TO RIDE IN
THE SMALL
TRUNK OF
MY CAR IN
THE DAYTIME
BEFORE
WE GOT
HERE.

HMPH!

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
?!

NOBODY
CAN THINK
LOGICALLY
WHEN THEY
ARE TIRED.

I see!

I CAN
TELL
FROM
YOUR
DIRTY
EYES!

YOU ARE
THINKING
ABOUT
SOME-
THING
DIRTY!!

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...
LADY
LUNA?

I WILL
GLADLY
CARRY YOU
ON MY BACK
IF YOU ARE
EXHAUSTED
...





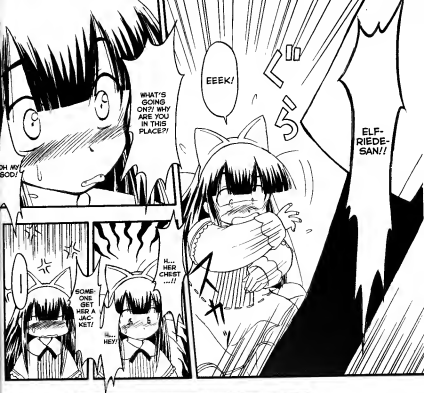
HUH?

OK.

COME ON!

OH MY GOD!!







NO... THESE
ARE ACTUAL
CHAINS AND
LOCKS.

*If it were
simple flimsy
magic, it would
release her in
your presence*

ARE THEY
CONTROLLED BY
SOME KIND
OF MAGIC?



THERE IS
NO WAY
FOR US TO
UNSHACKLE
HER...



IT IS
SIMPLY
LOCKED
BY A KEY.



CAN YOU
HELP HER,
HAZUKI?



ME
TOO.

I WISH I
HAD THE
SKILL TO
PICK A
LOCK.

...SINCE IT
DOESN'T
RELEASE
HER EVEN
AFTER
KOUHEI
TOUCHED
IT.









OK.

SUNLIGHT
WILL BE
COMING IN
SOON.

HAZUKI-SAN
AND ELFRIEDE-
SAN, PLEASE
DON'T GO NEAR
A WINDOW BY
THE MOUNTAIN
SIDE.

THE
SKY IS
GETTING
BRIGHT-
ER



MY
POWER...
IS
GONE...

WHAT'S
WRONG?



OH!



...AND
WE HAVE
HAD NO
BATTLE.



Now
the sun
is up.

WELL...I
GUESS
NOTHING WILL
HAPPEN UNTIL
TONIGHT.





KOUHEI-
KUN?!



...A DAY WALKER!

AARGH!

COUNT
KINKLE
IS...









HOW
DID YOU
...?!

COUNT
KINKLE
16...

UOOC!

UOOC!

?!

FLEE FLEE!!

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Phase 2 Under The Sunlight

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MISS
HIROMI
?!



MY
MASTER
TOLD ME
TO TAKE
OFF HER
CUFFS
AFTER
THE SUN-
RISE.

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EUGH!

AHHHHHHH!!

KOKO--MIKOKO--!!

GRR!

HE'S FLOATING!!



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO!

THIS IS A
PRETTY
BAD
SITUATION!



I
NEED TO
RELEASE
KOUHE
KUN
SOME
HOW!

TAIRAI-
FU!

BZZT

BZZT

WAH!

THUD



KOUHEI
WAS
FLOATING,
THEN
SUDDENLY
CRASHED
DOWN!

AND
NOW
SEIJI-
SAN WAS
BLOWN
AWAY?!

I
CAN'T
...

WHAT
?!

...SEE
HIM?!

WH
...

...WHAT'S
GOING
ON
NOW?
?

THAT IS
COUNT
KINKLE'S
SPECIAL
POWER.

EH?

YOU HAVE
SEEN IT
ONCE
BEFORE.

HE
CAN LINK
IMAGES
AT WILL BY
REFLECT-
ING LIGHTS
IN A SPACE
AROUND
HIMSELF.



AH!



COUNT
KINKLE
USED THE
INVISIBLE
ATTACK
ON...

HE CAN
MANIPUL-
ATE THE
POWER...



...BOTH
KOUHEI AND
SEIJI.

...AND HE CAN
UNLINK IMAGES BY
MAKING LIGHTS
INVISIBLE.



HE'S
NOT ONLY
INVISIBLE....

...HE
CAN ALSO
EVADE THE
FEAR OF BEING
DESTROYED BY
SUNLIGHT.



THIS IS COUNT
KINKLE'S
STRONGEST
WEAPON.

A VAMPIRE
WHO CAN SURVIVE
UNDER THE SUNLIGHT?!



LISTEN,
HAZUKI.

BEYOND
THE LINE
OF THIS
SHADOW

ALTHOUGH I
CAN RECOVER
FROM THIS
SMALL
BURN...

...IS A
PLACE
WHERE WE
COULD
NEVER
SURVIVE.



WHAT
...?!

HE IS
THE DAY
WALKER
?!

REMEMBER
IT!



...
VAMPIRES
WHO GET
SUNLIGHT
ALL OVER
THEIR
BODIES...



I AM
DISAPPOINTED
WHEN
SOMEONE
REVEALS
A SECRET
ABOUT
SOMEONE
ELSE.

...WILL
BURN AND
BECOME
ASHES
WITHIN
A FEW
MINUTES.





LADY
LUNA.

I CAME
TO PICK
YOU UP.



IT HAS
BEEN A
LONG
TIME
SINCE WE
SAW EACH
OTHER.

NOT
SINCE
I HAD
TO TAKE
CARE
OF YOU
AND THE
CASTLE.

COUNT
KINKLE
?!



IT'S TIME
FOR YOU TO
STOP BEING
NAUGHTY.

YOU DEFINITELY
RUN IN THE
MASTER'S BLOOD.
I HAD NO IDEA IT
WOULD BE SUCH
A CHALLENGE TO
PROTECT YOU.



WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO
WITH
US?!

AFTER
THE SUNRISE,
YOU WILL HAVE
NO POWER TO
ESCAPE ME.



HE
SUDDENLY
CHOKED
ME?!

WHAT
THE
HELL
WAS
THAT
?!



HE
DISAP-
PEARED
INTO THE
AIR?!

?!
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A



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT
I DO.

I INTEND
TO KEEP
PROTECTING
YOU AS I AM
ORDERED.

KOUHEI!
RUN!!

IF
THAT'S
TRUE,
HAZUKI
IS IN
DANGER!

WHAT?!

?!

YOU
CAME
BACK
TO BE
KILLED
BY ME?

WHAT AN
ADMI-
RABLE
SPIRIT.

CAN
COUNT
KINKLE
SURVIVE
UNDER
THE SUN
?!



WHY
CAN'T
I SEE
HIM
?!

UGH!

WHY
?!

I CAN
FEEL HIM
GRABBING
MY NECK...

WHA
...?!

OH,
LADY
LUNA.

PLEASE
DON'T
STEP
OUT ANY
FURTHER!

KOCHIE!

YOU MUST
HAVE
BELIEVED
THAT YOU
COULD FEEL
BETTER IF
YOU WERE
FREED FROM
THE BLOOD
CHAIN.

HE IS THE
CATALYST
FOR THE
CREATION OF A
DISGRACEFUL
WOMAN LIKE
SHE WHO
BREAKS THE
RULES OF THE
MOON PHASE
MISTRESS.

IT'S A
FOOLISH
THOUGHT.

WE MUST
ELIMINATE
"AMA"
VAMPIRE
SOON AS
FIND OF

THIS
MAN...

YOU'RE
GOING
TO BE
...

...
BURNED
BY THE
SUN-
LIGHT.



ALTHOUGH
I CAN'T
SEE HIS
FIGURE...

I CAN
FEEL
IT.



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YOU
WOULD
SAY
SUCH A
FOOLISH
THING...

...BECAUSE
YOU NEVER
ACHIEVED
OUR
ABSOLUTE
POWER.



DIS-
APPEAR
FOR
GOOD!!

#"
"
#"
"
I AM NO
LONGER
PLAYING
WITH
YOU.

HE IS
SER-
IOUS!

WHAT
AN
UNPLEA-
SANT
CREATU-
RE!



WHAT?!

NO WAY!

IN THE DAY-LIGHT?!

SHE IS AN IDIOT.



I DIDN'T KNOW WHO IT WAS.

THEN I SAW A SMALL SHADOW MOVING TOWARD US.

IT TOOK A WHILE FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON.

SHE
PROBABLY
JUMPED OUT
WITHOUT
THINKING.

I...I
WON'T
LET
YOU...

...
KILL
MY
SLAVE
!!













...
UNDER
THE SUN-
LIGHT!

YOU
CAN'T
BE
OUT
...

IDIOT!!



NO!

A
WHITE
WOOD
STAKE!

G W A A A H H H H !

UGH



IS
THIS
...?



A WOUND
FROM THE
WHITE WOOD
STAKE IS
THE MOST
DEVASTATING
INJURY FOR
VAMPIRES.

BUT I COULD
HAVE HEALED
IT EASILY IF IT
WEREN'T FOR
THE DAYLIGHT.



GRIP



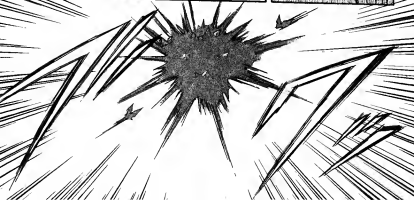
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WHAT
IS
GOING
ON
NOW
?!



WH
...?!





I CAN'T
TAKE YOU
DOWN IF
I FIGHT
FAIR.



Huff

Huff

ELFRIEDE?!



WH...

WHERE
DID THEY
COME
FROM ?!

SKREE



YOUR
POWER
OVER ME
HAS GOTTEN
WEAK SINCE
YOU ARE
CONCENT-
RATING ON
YOUR OWN
RECOVERY.

WHAT
THE
HELL
?!

SKREE

THIS IS
MY FIRST
OPPORTUNITY
TO ATTACK
YOU WITH
YOUR GUARD
DOWN.



WHAT
?!

SUICIDE
BOMBING
?!

I FOREVER
THANK YOU
FOR THIS
OPPORTU-
NITY.

RIP

RRR
RIP



YOUR
BLOOD HAS
TAUGHT
ME.



WHEN
YOU ARE
INVISIBLE

...

...I
CAN
NOW
MAKE
YOUR
FIGURE
VISIBLE.

SWIPE



WHAT

...

... BURNING ?!

OH!!

NO WAY!

... BURNING ?

MY BODY CAN'T BE...

.....



I LIVED
FOR 900
YEARS
NOW!

NOT
ME!

I CAN
CON-
TROL
THE
LIGHT!

NOT ME
...!!



IT IS
IMPOS-
SIBLE FOR
ME TO
DIE!

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WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
GROW TO
HAVE...

...MY
POWER?



WHAT DO
YOU SAY?

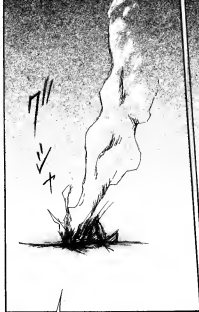
MASTER
...



YOUR
PRIDE
...

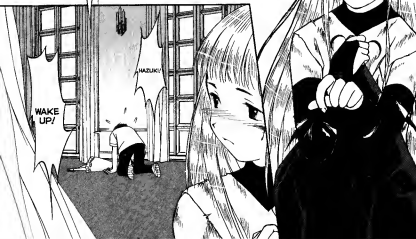
YOUR
BRUTA-
LITY
...

THEY
ARE
BEAUTI-
FUL TO
ME.



HEY!

.....





HAZUKI
IS NOT...

...
BREATH-
ING!



ELFRIEDE-
SAN!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



OH
...

I HAVE
SEEN
THIS
HAPPEN
TO SOME
OF US
BEFORE.

I SEE.

AH!



SHE
IS ALL
RIGHT.

SHE'S
JUST IN
A STATE
OF
ILLUS-
ORY
DEATH
...

...
FROM
MENTAL
AND
PHYSICAL
SHOCK.

...ARE
DISAPPEAR-
ING.

WHERE
IS HE
NOW?!

I
TOTALLY
FORGOT
ABOUT...

COUNT
KINKLE!

EH?

HE WAS
JUST
BURNING
OUTSIDE.

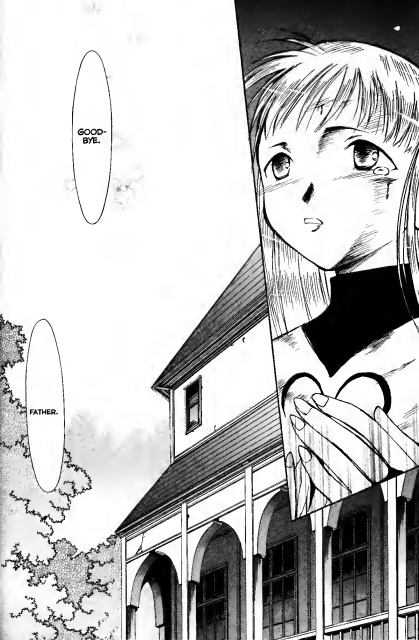
PFF!

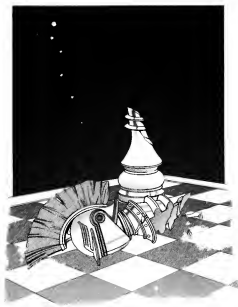
SIGNS
OF THE
PRESENCE
OF COUNT
KINKLE...

OH.

GOOD-
BYE.

FATHER.





IN MY ORIGINAL CONCEPT, KINKLE WAS THE ONLY VAMPIRE DAY-WALKER. AT FIRST, I WAS THINKING ABOUT MAKING HIM MODIFY HIS SKIN TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO WALK UNDER THE SUNLIGHT. (LIKE MAKING HIS BODY SURFACE AN INORGANIC SUBSTANCE.) LATER, I CAME UP WITH "THE ABILITY TO CONTROL LIGHTS." BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CREATE ANOTHER CHARACTER WITH THE ABILITY ENVISIONED IN MY FIRST IDEA.

Behind
the
scenes
of
Tsukuyomi

PART 1
COUNT KINKLE HAS FINALLY DIED IN THIS CHAPTER. HIS CHARACTER HAS BEEN CHANGED LITTLE BY LITTLE THROUGH THE STORY. AT FIRST, I WAS GOING TO MAKE HIM SPEAK WITH AN EFFEMINATE ACCENT TO ADD SOME CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY. BUT HE ENDED UP SPEAKING LIKE A NORMAL PERSON.

Design 3
You can see the change of design little by little.

Design 1
There was a baritone underneath the hat.

Design 1



PART 2

I AM NOT GOOD AT DRAWING ILLUSTRATIONS. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO RECREATE THE SITUATION WHEN I DRAW AN ILLUSTRATION. I TEND TO START THINKING DEEPER AND DEEPER AND CAN'T GO FORWARD. IT IS STRANGE THAT I SUDDENLY FEEL EAGER TO DRAW JUST ONE ILLUSTRATION EVERY FEW MONTHS.

Even if I put clothes on, I don't know how to draw the body, but I can't draw the illustration.

The pose was difficult to draw, so I changed it.

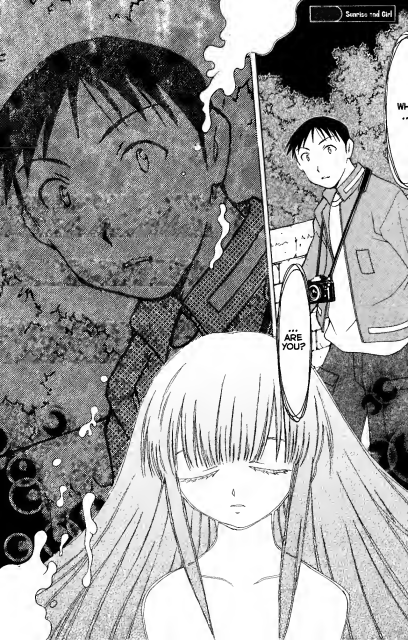
WHEN I FEEL EAGER TO DRAW, I CREATE THE OPENING COLOR ILLUSTRATION PAGES. IN THIS PAGE, I SHOW SOME OF THE PROCESS OF CREATING THE ILLUSTRATION. IN THE OPENING PAGE OF CHAPTER 22, "HAZUKI WHO IS SITTING ON A CLASSICAL CHAIR" WAS MY FIRST IDEA AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DRAW THE POSE, SO I COULDN'T USE IT. (LAUGH)

I couldn't use the illustration because it was difficult to draw the pose.

The illustration of Hazuki sitting on a classical chair was my first idea.

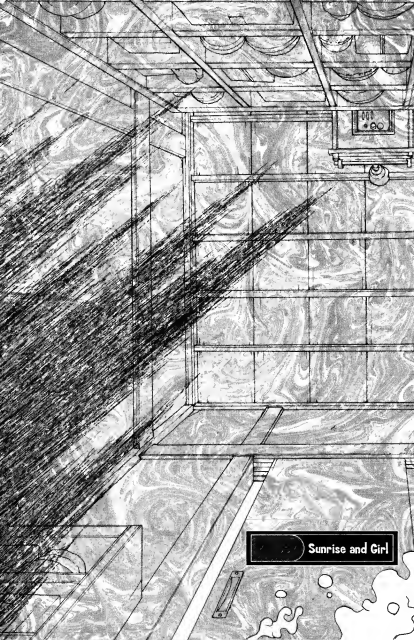
Behind the scenes of Tsukuyomi





ARE
YOU?

WH...



SHE
OPENED
HER EYES A
LITTLE BIT
EARLIER

...BUT SHE
STILL SEEMS
UNCONSCIOUS.

HOW IS
LADY
LUNA
DOING?



YOU
MUST
BE SO
WORRIED
ABOUT
HER.

.....





BUT NOW
I REALLY
MISS HER
BOTHERING
ME.

HAZUKI IS
ALWAYS
NOISY AND
SASSY.

AND I
FEEL LIKE
IT IS MY
FAULT THAT
SHE'S
UNCON-
SCIOUS.

SHE
COMES TO
BOTHER ME
WHENEVER
SHE'S BORED
AND SHE
ANNOYS ME
ALL THE
TIME.





YOUR GRAND-
FATHER AND
SEIJI-SAN
WANT YOU TO
COME TALK
TO THEM.
LET'S GO.

.....

OKAY.

DON'T
WORRY.

LADY
LUNA IS A
SPECIAL
KIND.



IF I
DIDN'T JUMP
OUT LIKE
THAT THEN,
SHE MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
OKAY.



HAIJI,
PLEASE
WATCH
HER FOR
ME FOR
A WHILE.

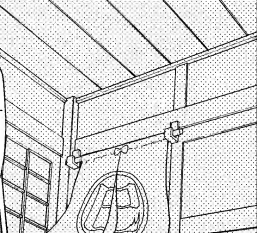
OKAY?

MEOW
....





GRAND-
PA,
I AM
HERE.



THANK
YOU
FOR
ASK-
ING.

WELL
...

ALTHOUGH
WE ARE
NOT 100%
RECOVERED
YET, BOTH SEIJI
AND I ARE
FEELING MUCH
BETTER.

HOW
ARE YOU
GUYS
FEELING
NOW?

.....



I SEE.

NO
CHANGE.

SHE'S
STILL
UNCON-
SCIOUS.

WHAT
ABOUT
HAZUKI-
CHAN?

NO...
IT'S
NOTHING.

WE WOULD
HAVE LOST
OUR LIVES
WITHOUT
YOUR HELP.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH.

HUH?

ELFRIEDE-
SAN.

I
MUST SAY
THANK YOU
TO YOU,
TOO.



AFTER THE
FIRST AID
TREAT-
MENT AND
SURGER-
IES...

...
I WAS
STILL WOR-
RIED MY
GRANDPA
AND SELI
MIGHT NOT
SURVIVE
THE NIGHT.



HE'S
RIGHT.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
HIROMI AND
I WOULD
HAVE DONE
IF YOU
WEREN'T
THERE FOR
US.



IT WAS
MY FIRST TIME
SEEING HUMANS
ON THE BRINK
OF DEATH
RECOVERING.



VAMPIRES
HAVE
INCREDIBLE
POWERS.



No have
helped them
you brought
back to life



BY THE
WAY, RIGHT
AFTER
ELFRIEDE-
SAN SAVED
ALL OF
US...



RIGHT
AFTER THE
SUNSET
I ASKED
HER TO
SUCK MY
BLOOD.

IF YOU
DIDN'T
DO THE
MAGICAL
POWER
TREATMENT
TO HEAL
THEM.



THEY
WOULDN'T
BE
ALIVE...





REA-
LLY?



ON ONE
CONDITION
...



OK.



...PLEASE
ALLOW ME
TO LIVE
HERE WITH
YOU FOR A
WHILE.



I NEED A
PLACE TO STAY
UNTIL I DECIDE
WHAT I'M
GOING TO DO
NEXT.

ALTHOUGH
I HAVE NO
REGRETS
ABOUT
ATTAINING
MY LONG-
CHERISHED
AMBITION, I
DEFINITELY
CAN'T GO
BACK WHERE
I CAME FROM
NOW.

Well...

YOU ARE
WELL-
COME
TO STAY
WITH US...



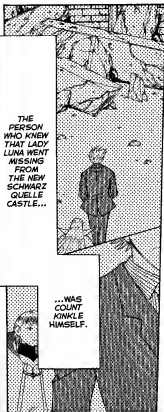
COULD
YOU WORK
WITH US,
ELFRIED-
SAN?

I AM SURE
THAT YOU
WOULD
GET SOME
BENEFIT
OUT OF
THIS, TO

...WHETHER
WE'LL HAVE
ANOTHER
BATTLE OR
NOT.

FIRST, I'D
LIKE TO TALK
ABOUT WHAT
YOU SAID
EARLIER...

THEN
IT'S A
DEAL!



THE
PERSON
WHO KNEW
THAT LADY
LUNA WENT
MISSING
FROM
THE NEW
SCHWARZ
QUELLE
CASTLE...

...WAS
COUNT
KINKLE
HIMSELF.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEANT?

MOST
LIKELY, WE
WON'T HAVE
ANOTHER
BATTLE IN
THE NEAR
FUTURE.



...WE ARE
HERE.



TO PUT IT
SIMPLY,
NOBODY
KNOWS...

?!



THAT'S RIGHT.



THAT'S WHY HE TRIED TO COVER UP HIS MISTAKE.

ホン?




WE TRIED TO ELIMINATE THE EVIDENCE OF THE MISTAKE.

AS SOON AS WE FOUND OUT WHERE YOU WERE LOCATED...



I HAD NEVER EXPECTED THIS TO HAPPEN, THOUGH.

BUT HE KNEW HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED.



COUNT KINKLE HAD NEVER EXPECTED THE Kekkai OF THE CASTLE WOULD BE LIFTED, ALLOWING LADY LUNA TO ESCAPE DURING HIS ABSENCE FROM THE CASTLE.



ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF YOUR MASTER... I BELIEVE THEY WILL DEFINITELY START LOOKING FOR HER.

THEY WILL FIND OUT THAT HAZUKI-SAN IS NOT THERE SOONER OR LATER.



IT WILL DEFINITELY HAPPEN.

YOU ARE RIGHT.



BUT STILL, WE CAN'T ASSUME WE'RE COMPLETELY SAFE.



...BUT HE HAD HIS OWN MASTER VAMPIRE.

MY MASTER WAS COUNT KINKLE...



SPECIAL?

YES.

LADY LUNA IS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON.



IT'S
IMPORTANT
TO KNOW
LADY LUNA
INHERITED
THE SAME
POWER
FROM HER
FATHER.

That idiot
has so
much
power?



HE IS
CALLED,
"VAMPIRE
ROAD." HE
HAS NO
MASTER
AND IS THE
ORIGINAL
SOURCE
OF ALL THE
VAMPIRES.

HE IS THE
ANCIENT ONE,
WHO SUCKED
THE MEAT AND
BLOOD OF
GOD...

...AND HE
IS THE
FATHER OF
LADY LUNA.



WHENEVER
SHE SUCKS
BLOOD SHE
REVEALS
A VERY
POWERFUL
ABILITY THAT--
HER YOUNG
BODY AND
MIND.

I WAS TOLD
SHE HAD
BEEN KEPT
INSIDE THE
CASTLE...

...SO SHE
WOULDN'T
CREATE
NEEDLESS
TROUBLE
BEFORE SHE
MATURED.

BUT...



BUT?!

AS
VAMPIRES,
WE'RE
USUALLY
NOT SO
CONFINING.

WHEN WE DO
SOMETHING
AND GET IN
TROUBLE...

...sometimes
everything
will turn out all
right in the
end.

AND,
TROUBLE IS
OKAY SINCE
IT IS ENTER-
TAINING.

THAT'S
HOW WE
FEEL.

WELL...
HOW
CAN I
EXPLAIN
IT TO
YOU
...?

for a
Vampire.

BUT THAT
DOES
SEEM LIKE
A GOOD
SOLUTION.

?

In other words,
it is OKAY
for us to put
off finding
something until
we really
need it.

BECAUSE OF
THIS, I DON'T
THINK THAT WE
WILL HAVE A
BATTLE SOON.

SINCE WE LIVE
FOR SUCH A LONG
TIME, OUR SENSE
OF TIME TENDS TO
BE SLOWER THAN
NORMAL HUMAN
BEINGS.



I AM JUST
RELIEVED TO
HEAR THAT WE
HAVE SOME
TIME.



I
SEE.

IN FACT, LAST
TIME IT TOOK
FIVE YEARS
TO FIND LADY
LUNA AFTER
SHE WENT
MISSING.

I WOULD
HATE TO HAVE
ANOTHER BATTLE
WITH VAMPIRES
IN MY CURRENT
CONDITION.



I EXPECT
THAT THIS
TIME THEY
WILL TAKE
AS LONG AS
THEY TOOK
LAST TIME.



...HOW
ABOUT YOU,
KOUHEI?

AND
...



HONESTLY,
I NEVER
WANT TO
EXPERIENCE
THAT KIND
OF BATTLE
AGAIN.

I
HEAR
YOU.







WHAT'S
WRONG,
HAJIJI?

MEOW!

HUM?

HOW CAN I
PROTECT
HAZUKI?!

IF I EVER
FACE THAT
TERRIFY-
ING ENEMY
AGAIN...

...I WILL
CAUSE MORE
TROUBLE
FOR MY
GRAND-
FATHER
AND SEIJI.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN TO
HAZUKI?!

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MEOW!

IT'S
DAWN
ALREADY!

SHE
GONE

MAN!

WHERE
DID THAT
IDIOT GO
NOW?!

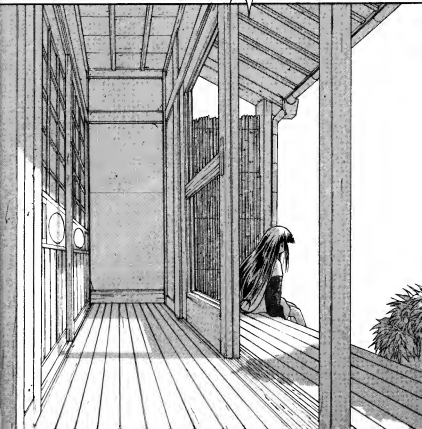
SHE'S
NOT
HERE.

SHE'S
NOT
THREE,
EITHER!

GRANDPA,
PLEASE
HELP ME
LOOK FOR
HER!

HAZUKI
IS GONE!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON,
KOUHEI?





Utsuro can't be in the sunlight



NICE
TO
MEET
YOU.

CALL
ME!!

...
LUNA.



